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Dear Mr. Mangiacopra,

Ben Roesch informed me that you are currently working on a manuscript about sea serpent sightings that were not in Bernard Heuvelmans' *In the Wake of the Sea-Serpents*.

I did a brief run through my files for any reports that would fit this description. I have enclosed a list of the sightings that I found. As I had much material to look through, perhaps some of these are in the book, and I have the wrong date or something, I have not looked at these possibilities closely.

Also, I did not look through any of these books, as I assume that you own a copy of all of them: Bright's *There Are Giants in the Sea*, Corliss' *Incredible Life*, Dinsdale's *Monster Hunt*, Ellis' *Monsters of the Sea*, LeBlond and Bousfield's *Cadborosaurus*, Michell and Rickard's *Living Wonders*, Reinstedt's *Mysterious Sea Monsters of California's Central Coast*, and Shuker's *In Search of Prehistoric Survivors*. I also did not include any material from back issues of *Cryptozoology*, *The ISC Newsletter*, and *INFO Journal*. I can look through these, though, if you do not own copies of any of these items.

I did not check to see if the new sightings that I found were in the above-mentioned sources, as a general rule, with the exception of Cadborosaurus sightings, which I include only if they are present in neither Heuvelmans nor LeBlond and Bousfield's book.

Please not as well that as I do not own a copy of the revised 1976 edition of *In the Wake* in French, I only compared my sources to the 1968 Hill and Wang edition.

As you will see, the entry on the sightings list are in the style of those in Heuvelmans' list. I also included a source for all of these, so it will be easier to compare this to material in your files.

If you need any of these references, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will send copies as soon as possible.

Feel free to publish any information that I send to you, unless I specifically note otherwise, although I reserve the right to publish on this material myself and to give this material to anyone else and allow them to publish on it as well.

Sincerely,

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Sightings

Key: (bibliographic number) date - location - witness

(22) 1817 (beginning Aug) - Gloucester Bay, Mass., U.S.A. - W. Lipple
(22) 1817 (beginning Aug) - Gloucester Bay, Mass., U.S.A. - Mrs. Amos Story
(20) 1817 (10 Aug) - Gloucester - Lydia Wonson, William Row, Susan Stone
(22) 1817 (14 Aug) - Gloucester, Mass., U.S.A. - Epes Ellery
(22) 1817 (14 Aug) - Gloucester, Mass., U.S.A. - Solomon Allen III (Heuvelmans records sightings on Aug 12 and 13 only)
(22) 1817 (17 Aug) - Gloucester, Mass., U.S.A. - John Johnston
(20) 1817 (17 Aug) - Gloucester - William Saville, Captain Corliss
(20) 1817 (18 Aug) - Gloucester - vessel from Newfoundland Bank
(22) 1817 (beginning Sep) - Gloucester, Mass., U.S.A. - Fishermen
(22) 1817 (6 Nov) - Gloucester, Mass., U.S.A. - Fitch Welch and Eli B. Green
(2) 1818 (26 Jul) - Gloucester - Captail Webber
(7) 1839 (Jul) - Northern Atlantic - ?
(7) 1846 (May) - Southern Atlantic - Geo. D. Oxnard
(21) 1851 - New England - multiple sightings (all I have for this one is a composite description, but as there appears to have been several sightings, it is included here)
(21) 1877 (before) - West Indes - Captain Johnson
(19) 1878 (Oct) - Cape Cod - Robert Platt
(1) 1886 (22 Aug) - Gloucester - John H. McCormack, Charles A. Brown, Capt. David Worth
(2) 1886 (Oct) - Norwalk (Conn.) - Philip G. Sanford and party
(2) 1886 (Oct) - Norwalk (Conn.) - party of young ladies
(3) 1886 (Nov) - Flushing Bay - Bennie and Wallie Vaughan, Samuel P. Thompson
(18) 1893 - Puget Sound - Edith (ship)
(24) 1912 - Cape Town - Mr. Wilmot, many others
(6) 1931? - San Stefano (Turkey) - Englishman
(4) 1932? - mid-Pacific - Rev. J.E. Rockliff
(8) 1933 (before Oct) - Vacouver Island - A. Davis
(6) 1934 - Turkey - multiple sightings
(15) 1934 - Ross Bay (B.C.) - H.R. Fletcher
(5) 1934 (15 Feb) - Gulf of Mexico - Pecos
(9) 1934 (Jul) - Plymouth, England - Bathers
(16) 1934 (23 Aug) - Victoria - Joseph Burgess, 100 others
(10, 17) 1936 (Aug) - Newfoundland - Many Sightings
(11) 1936 (Aug) - Nova Scotia - Many Sightings
(12) 1937 (Feb?) - Shetlands - Earl of Zetland (ship)
(25) 1939? - Persiang Gulf - British Power
(26) 1941 - Cadboro Bay - David Webb
(25) World War II - South China Sea - Alfred Petserson
(25) World War II - Between Durban and Bombay - Welch
(23) 1947 (Sep) - Between Lynn and Nahant - man and his two daughters
(25) 1949 (5 Jul) - Cornwall - Harold T. Wilkins and another man
(13) 1958 - Monaco (?) - Jean-Jacques Vaglio

(25) 1971 - Llanaber (Wales) - two holidaymakers
(25) 1975 (2 Mar) - Cadrdigan Bay (Wales) - six schoolgirls
(25) 1975 (Sep) - Cornwall - Mr. Riley and Mrs. Scott
(25) 1976 (Jul) - Lizard Point (Cornwall) - John Cock and George Vinnecombe
(26) 1980 (early) - Sechelt (near Vancouver) - John Andrews
(25) 1985 (1 Jan) - Not mentioned, but it calls it a Caddy - Mr. Cole
(25) 1986 (May) - Chesepeake Bay - Dr. Bishop
(18) 1993? - Cook Islands - Rev. Solomona and son

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